

In the Abstract

~~--System and method for facilitating transaction (e.g., a lawsuit, etc.) processing and disposition within an access controlled environment which are accessible via a global data processing network such as the Internet and WWW. The system and method include an access control facility accessible via a global data processing network and configured to maintain user information, and to permit a deny user(s) to enter an access controlled environment within a data processing environment and to perform user operations within the access controlled environment. A transaction management facility is operable within the access controlled environment, is coupled to the access control facility, and is configured to store and maintain transaction data based on the transaction, the user operations, and a security scheme. An authentication facility is operable within the access controlled environment and is configured to authenticate the transaction data based on an authentication scheme corresponding to the transaction. A billing facility is configured to permit the user(s) to establish a billing allocation scheme to be used to control the billing of services provided within the access control environment, and to consolidate data related to internal operations performed by the access control facility, the transaction management facility, and the authentication facility to generate and process billing data and to send a billing notice to a responsible party via the global data processing network.~~ A system for facilitating processing and disposition of a transaction within an access controlled environment includes an access control facility accessible via a global data processing network. The access control facility is configured to permit or deny a user to enter an access controlled environment and to utilize services offered within the access controlled

environment. The system also includes a billing facility configured to permit the user to establish a billing allocation scheme between a first party and a second party to be used to control billing related to the services provided within the access controlled environment. Moreover, the billing facility is configured to generate and process billing data based on the billing allocation scheme. Specifically, the billing data indicates a first monetary amount and a second monetary amount associated with the services, which is to be billed to the first party and the second party, respectively.